AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE, MODERN NATIONS HAVE RISEN --
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-- WITH MODERN LEADERS LIKE DR. LUAGA -- SCIENTIST, SCHOLAR, AND ATHLETE: 10TH DEGREE BLACK BELT.
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IN DEEP JUNGLE -- TRIBAL CHIEFS RULE --
BUT BEHIND THEM IS THE SHADOWY ANCIENT POWER OF THE FEARED WITCHMEN!
BEGINNING: THE WITCHMAN
A JUNGLE EPIDEMIC --
THE WITCHMEN PLY THEIR ANCIENT ARTS --
HOLA-- HOLA-- HOLA--
PRES. LUAGA SENDS IN MEDICAL TEAMS --
WHAT IS THE EPIDEMIC, DOCTOR?
NO DIAGNOSIS YET.
BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE VILLAGES --
?
GO AWAY.
!
?
BENGALI MEDICA
1/11
DR. LUAGA -- PRESIDENT OF BENGALI.
SIR, THEY REFUSE THE HELP OF OUR MEDICAL TEAMS.
REFUSE? ABSURD. SEND ARMED GUARDS WITH THEM.
OPEN -- IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!
1/12
THE VILLAGE IS EMPTY. THE PEOPLE ARE GONE!
?
SAME IN ALL THE VILLAGES, SIR. THE PEOPLE RUN AWAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHY.
WE WILL FIND OUT WHY. BRING IN THE WAMBESI AND LLONGA CHIEFS.
YOUR LEADER -- PRESIDENT LUAGA -- REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT HIS PALACE.
MY REGRETS TO LUAGA. WE ARE BUSY WITH THE --ER -- HARVEST.
THE CHIEFS REFUSE TO COME, SIR. THEY SEEM TO BE AFRAID. WE CAN'T DRAG THEM IN WITHOUT STARTING A RIOT.
I MUST FIND OUT WHY! I HAVE A FRIEND -- AN EXPERT ON THE JUNGLE. MAYBE HE CAN HELP US.
TALK & BARRY
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AT THE JUNGLE EDGE... A HUMBLE HUT RECEIVES AN UNEXPECTED VISIT!
PRESIDENT-- LUAGA!

PLEASE SEND THIS NOTE TO OUR FRIEND.
IT WILL BE DONE, MOST HIGH.

FRAKA, THE PHANTOM'S FALCON!
THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF!

SIRE, WHERE IS THAT FALCON TAKING YOUR NOTE?
IF I TOLD YOU, GENERAL, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT.
FALK & BARRY 1/14

FALK & BARRY 1/15
FRAKA, THE PHANTOM'S FALCON, FLIES HIGH OVER THE JUNGLE.

IT'S FRAKA! --UNCLE WALKER*...
*FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

IT'S FRAKA!
YES, REX-- WITH A MESSAGE.

FROM PRESIDENT LUAGA!

Phantom -- an epidemic in jungle. Tribes refuse medical aid. Can you find reason for me? Luaga

GURAN, IS THERE A SICKNESS AMONG THE BIG JUNGLE FOLK?
IT IS TRUE.
GURAN THE PYGMY.

CITY DOCTORS BRING MEDICINES. THE PEOPLE REFUSE IT. WHY?
I KNOW NOT, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

FALK & BARRY 1/17
MAYBE THE WITCHMEN KNOW.
TOMORROW: WITCHMAN'S PEAK.
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TOM-TOMS SOUND IN THE JUNGLE NIGHT...
WITCHMEN COME TO THE PEAK

WITCHMAN'S PEAK...
WITCHMEN COME TO THE PEAK

AVOIDED AND FEARED BY ORDINARY JUNGLE FOLK...
FALK & BARRY 1/18

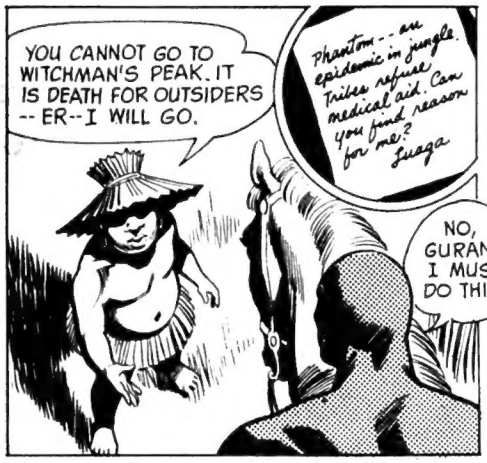
HOOGAAN, "KING" OF THE WITCHMEN!
HOOGAAN, WHY ARE WE GATHERED HERE?
YOU WILL BE TOLD-- BY ME.

WITCHMEN
GURAN, WHY ARE THE WITCHMEN GATHERING?
I KNOW NOT. I THINK IT RELATES TO THE JUNGLE SICKNESS.
GONE TO THE PEAK

HAVE YOU FRIENDS AMONG THEM THAT CAN REPORT TO US?
WE HAVE NO FRIENDS AMONG THEM. THEY ARE AN EVIL LOT.

WE MUST SEND SOMEONE TO SPY UPON THEM.
NO ONE WILL GO. THEY ARE POWERFUL-- ALL FEAR THEM.
FALK & BARRY 1/19

I WILL GO MYSELF.
IT IS TOO DANGEROUS. EVEN FOR YOU.


YOU CANNOT GO TO WITCHMAN'S PEAK. IT IS DEATH FOR OUTSIDERS -- ER-- I WILL GO.
Phantom -- an epidemic in jungle. Tribes refuse medical aid. Can you find reason for me? Luaga
NO, GURAN, I MUST DO THIS.

AS GURAN SAYS, THE WITCHMEN ARE AN EVIL LOT. WHAT CAN THEY BE UP TO?

--WEIRD LIGHTS AND SOUNDS FROM WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
?

THE PATH--GUARDED BY WITCHMEN!
FALK & BARRY 1/20

HE AVOIDS THE WITCHMEN GUARDS--
SHH-- DEVIL --STAY--

HE CLIMBS THE SHEER CLIFF...
FALK & BARRY 1/21

"WITCHMAN'S PEAK--DEATH TO OUTSIDERS!"

ATOP WITCHMAN'S PEAK--THE WEIRD RITES OF THE WITCHMEN-- NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY AN OUTSIDER (WHO LIVED TO TELL THE TALE)
HOLA
HOLA
HOLA

HOOGAAN--"KING" OF THE WITCHMEN.
QUIET, WITCHMEN-- I, HOOGAAN, WILL SPEAK.

"WITCHMAN'S PEAK-- DEATH TO ANY OUTSIDER."
?
YOU ALL KNOW WHY WE ARE HERE TONIGHT--
FALK & BARRY 1/22

HOOGAAN "KING" OF WITCHMEN AT WITCHMAN'S PEAK.
THE CITY MEN BRING NEEDLES AND PILLS TO POISON OUR PEOPLE.
WE KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE!
YAH.. YAH!

LEADER OF THE CITY MEN -- CALLS HIMSELF "PRESIDENT" -- A "DOCTOR" LUAGA!
BOO.. HISS.. KILL!

HE DEMANDS TO SEE OUR CHIEFS! WE TELL OUR CHIEFS TO REFUSE! THEY OBEY US!
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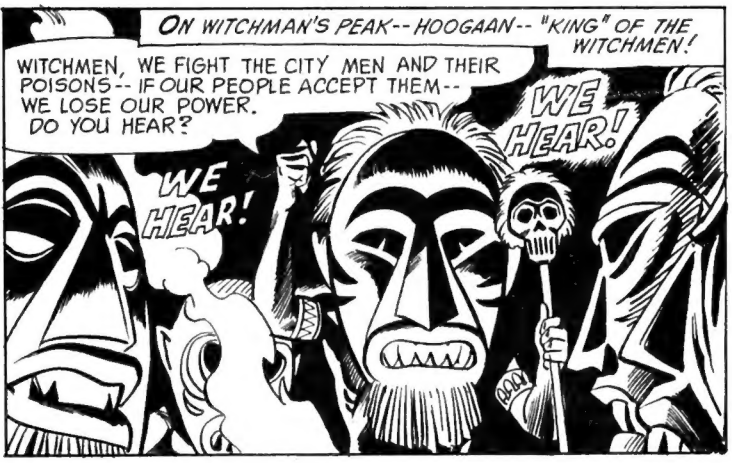
YAH.. YAH..
FALK & BARRY 1/24


ON WITCHMAN'S PEAK -- HOOGAAN -- "KING" OF THE WITCHMEN!
WITCHMEN, WE FIGHT THE CITY MEN AND THEIR POISONS -- IF OUR PEOPLE ACCEPT THEM -- WE LOSE OUR POWER. DO YOU HEAR?
WE HEAR!
WE HEAR!

OOPS!
FALK & BARRY 1/25

THAT NOISE?
OUTSIDER!
OUT-SIDER!

OUTSIDER.. STRANGER.. SPY.. KILL!

!
FALK & BARRY 1/26

THEY RECONIZE AN OLD ENEMY.
OUTSIDER.. STRANGER.. KILL.. KILL.. KILL!

WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
WAIT — WITCHMEN -- YOU ARE WRONG TO FIGHT PRESIDENT LUAGA. HE IS TRYING TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE.
HE IS A SPY OF LUAGA!
KILL -- SMASH -- BURN...

KILL
KILL
KILL
KILL

HE DIVES INTO DARKNESS.
!!!
FALK & BARRY 1/27

WITCHMAN'S PEAK... AS THE PHANTOM DIVES INTO DARKNESS...

DIE... DIE!
THEY HURL THEIR FLAMING TORCHES AFTER HIM.

FALK & BARRY 1/28

NO MAN CAN MAKE THAT LEAP AND LIVE!
THE PHANTOM... IS HE... A MAN?

AT THE BASE OF WITCHMAN'S PEAK--THE PHANTOM REACHES THE DARK LAKE--
FALK & BARRY 1/29

THE FLAMING TORCHES REACH THE WATER-- THEN DARKNESS--

IS HE DEAD?
THE PHANTOM IS A MAN... HE CAN DIE... HE IS DEAD...
CAN THE PHANTOM DIE?
SO DIE ALL ENEMIES OF THE WITCHMEN.

THE PHANTOM DIVES FROM WITCHMAN'S PEAK --FOLLOWED BY FLAMING TORCHES--
FALK & BARRY 1/31

--DEEP INTO THE DARK LAKE--

SEE IF HE COMES UP--

HE IS FINISHED!
THE PHANTOM? DEAD? ARE YOU CERTAIN?

THE PHANTOM SWIMS DEEP IN THE BLACK LAKE.

FALK & BARRY 2/1

--WE SAW HIM FALL! HE DID NOT COME UP!
HE IS DEAD!

PHANTOM IS DEAD-- KILLED BY WITCHMEN ON WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
SEND THE WORD WE KILLED HIM!
THE WITCHMEN CELEBRATE WILDLY!

PHANTOM IS KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
FALK & BARRY 2/2

NOW WE ARE ABSOLUTE RULERS OF THE JUNGLE!

THE WORD FROM WITCHMAN'S PEAK-
PHANTOM DEAD-- KILLED

PHANTOM DEAD... KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
!
!!
FALK & BARRY 2/3

PHANTOM DEAD... KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
!
?

PHANTOM DEAD... KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
"A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION."

GURAN, WHAT ARE THE DRUMS SAYING?
THEY--ER---
I KNOW--IT SAYS THE PHANTOM IS DEAD!

I BEGGED HIM NOT TO GO TO WITCHMAN'S PEAK.
?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE'LL COME BACK--HE WILL, HE WILL!
FALK & BARRY 2/4

PHANTOM KILLED BY WITCHMEN AT WITCHMAN'S PEAK--
AS THE NEWS SPREADS--

THOSE EVIL MEN? NO! NO!

HE'S NOT DEAD--I WON'T BELIEVE IT, I WON'T!
FALK & BARRY 2/5

GOOD BOY, REX, YOU'RE RIGHT!
!!

UNCLE WALKER* I KNEW YOU WEREN'T DEAD!
*FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

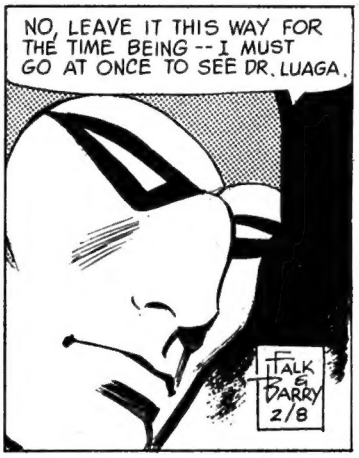
DID YOU GO TO WITCHMAN'S PEAK?
WHAT HAPPENED?
LISTEN--

PHANTOM DEAD-- KILLED BY WITCHMEN--

WITCHMEN THINK I'M DEAD-- LET THEM THINK IT FOR A WHILE!
FALK & BARRY 2/7

PHANTOM DEAD- KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
OUR GOOD FRIEND-- GONE--
AS THE WORD SPREADS.

THE JUNGLE WILL MOURN-- AND FEAR THE WITCHMEN-- WE MUST TELL THEM THE TRUTH-- THAT YOU LIVE.


NO, LEAVE IT THIS WAY FOR THE TIME BEING -- I MUST GO AT ONCE TO SEE DR. LUAGA.
FALK & BARRY 2/8

DON'T LET THE WITCHMEN GET YOU THIS TIME!
DON'T WORRY, REX --I WON'T!

PHANTOM KILLED BY WITCHMEN--
TRAGIC--
OUR GOOD FRIEND--HARD TO BELIEVE...

ALONG THE JUNGLE PATH-- THE THUNDER OF HOOVES.
!

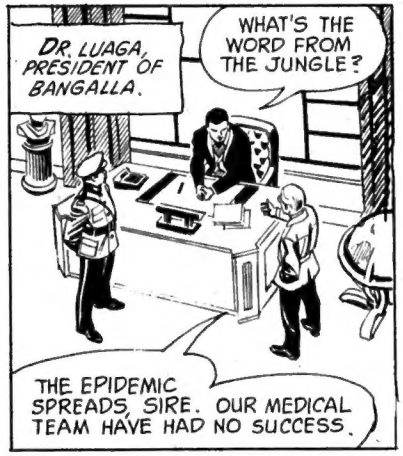
HIS GHOST!
I SAW HIM-- RACING LIKE THE WIND ON HIS GREAT STALLION HERO!
THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
FALK & BARRY 2/9

IN THE JUNGLE... DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE WITCHMEN... THE EPIDEMIC SPREADS--

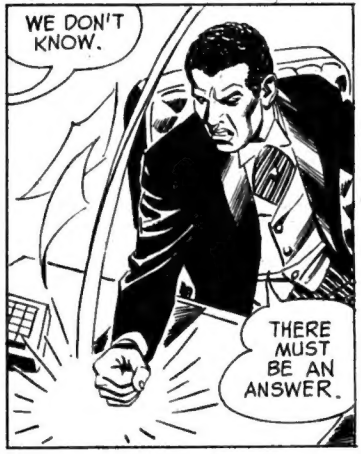
"THERE ARE TIMES," JUNGLE FOLK SAY, "WHEN THE PHANTOM LEAVES THE JUNGLE..."
FALK & BARRY 2/10

..."AND WALKS THE STREETS OF THE TOWN AS AN ORDINARY MAN"...

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.
I HOPE DR. LUAGA IS AWAKE.


DR. LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
WHAT'S THE WORD FROM THE JUNGLE?
THE EPIDEMIC SPREADS, SIRE. OUR MEDICAL TEAM HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS.

THE PEOPLE STILL REFUSE TO SEE THEM.
WHY? WHY?


WE DON'T KNOW.
THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER.

THERE IS, DR. LUAGA.
?!
TALK & BARRY 2/11

DR. LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
YOU'VE COME AT LAST. DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING?
I DID.

YOU MAY GO.
YES, SIRE.

THE JUNGLE FOLK ARE REFUSING YOUR MEDICAL TEAMS, BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO DISOBEY--
DISOBEY WHOM?

THE WITCHMEN.
SO THAT'S IT!
TALK & BARRY 2/12
CONT'D

LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BENGALLA.
THE WITCHMEN FORCE THEIR PEOPLE TO REFUSE YOUR MEDICAL HELP. THEY'RE AFRAID THEIR OWN POWERS---
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THEIR LEADER- THEIR "KING"-IS HOOGAAN, WITCHMAN OF OUGAAN, AN EVIL MAN.

ARREST HOOGAAN, OF THE OUGAAN. HE IS TO BE BROUGHT HERE.

I ORDER THE ARREST OF THE EVIL WITCHMAN, HOOGAAN, OF OUGAAN--ALL LOYAL SUBJECTS--HELP US FIND HIM!
TALK & BARRY 2/14

I, PRESIDENT LUAGA, ORDER THE ARREST OF THE EVIL WITCHMAN, HOOGAAN OF OUGAAN.
!

LUAGA ARRESTS HOOGAAN--
TALK & BARRY 2/15

LUAGA ARRESTS HOOGAAN-

HE DARES TO OPPOSE ME? I DEFY HIM! I SHALL DESTROY HIM!

LET IT BE KNOWN -- I, HOOGAAN, WILL DESTROY THIS LUAGA WHO CALLS HIMSELF "PRESIDENT."
HE WILL DIE IN PAIN -- INCH BY INCH!
DIE! DIE!
I'VE CREATED THIS IMAGE OF LUAGA --
FALK & BARRY 2/16
NOW LET HIM SICKEN AND DIE -- SLOWLY --
I, HOOGAAN, WILL NOW DESTROY LUAGA WHO CALLS HIMSELF OUR PRESIDENT!
HOOGAAN... "KING OF THE WITCHMEN"
DIE! DIE!
FALK & BARRY 2/17
HOOGAAN DESTROYS LUAGA WITH MAGIC..
WORD COMES – HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN DEFIES YOU AND WILL KILL YOU... WITH A VOODOO DOLL.
A DOLL?
DR. LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
SO HOOGAAN IS KILLING ME WITH A WAX DOLL... STICKING PINS INTO IT.
AH, YOUR SPECIAL CHICKEN, COOKED THE WAY I LIKE IT!
YES, SIRE.
I WELCOME THIS EVIL WITCHMAN'S ATTEMPT... IT IS A GOOD TEST. MY SCIENCE AGAINST HIS EVIL BLACK MAGIC.
FALK & BARRY 2/18
LET THE JUNGLE KNOW I ACCEPT THIS TEST AND DEFY THAT FAKER. IT WILL END THIS NONSENSE!
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LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
SIRE, IT IS DANGEROUS TO DEFY A WITCHMAN AS POWERFUL AS HOOGAAN.
GENERAL, YOU TOO?
SIRE, THE WITCHMEN HAVE SECRET WAYS. THEY ARE POWERFUL... THAT IS A FACT.
TOO POWERFUL AND TOO EVIL... THE TIME HAS COME TO END THEIR HOLD OVER OUR PEOPLE.
FALK & BARRY 2/19
DIE, LUAGA, DIE... SLOWLY... SLOWLY...

THE JUNGLE WATCHES THE BATTLE--ANCIENT BLACK "MAGIC" AGAINST MODERN SCIENCE -- HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN--
DIE, LUAGA-- SLOWLY--
TALK & BARRY 2/21

DR. LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
LUAGA!
LET THE PEOPLE SEE--

--I'M NOT AFRAID OF JUNGLE SUPERSTITION -- UH--
?

SIRE--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES--FINE-- LEAVE ME.

CLOSE—THE DOOR--
?!

UH--WHAT'S THE MATTER-- WITH ME?

PERISH, LUAGA--SO ALL THE WORLD--WILL KNOW THE POWER--OF HOOGAAN!
TALK & BARRY 2/22

EVERYONE SAW HIM STAGGER!
THEY SAY--HOOGAAN'S MAGIC IS WORKING!
COME IN!
MAY WE ENTER, SIRE?

DO YOU NEED-- ANYTHING, SIRE?
NOTHING --I AM FINE-- LEAVE ME.

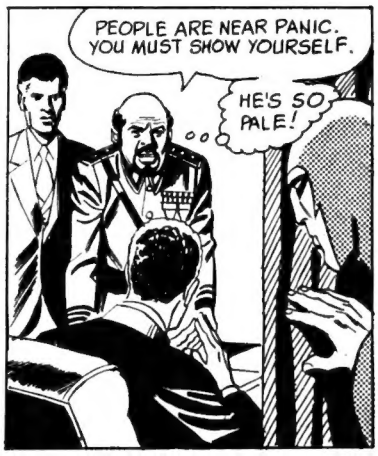
UH!
TALK & BARRY 2/23

DR. LUAGA!

...HIGH FEVER... YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION.
NOT WITH WHOLE CITY WAITING TO SEE.. IF HOOGAAN'S "MAGIC" IS WORKING...
TALK & BARRY 2/24

BUZZ--BUZZ-- HE FAINTED-- HE'S DYING--

SIRE, MAY WE SEE YOU? IT'S VITAL!
COME IN.


PEOPLE ARE NEAR PANIC. YOU MUST SHOW YOURSELF.
HE'S SO PALE!

LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA..
RUMORS ARE FLYING THAT YOU ARE--ER--DYING--DEAD--YOU MUST SHOW YOURSELF, SIRE.
I WILL. LEAVE ME.

CAN'T--GET--UP...
LET ME HELP YOU.
FALK & BARRY 2/25

THERE HE IS! HURRAH! YAAAAA!

HURRAH! YAAAA!

YAAA!
HURRAH!
FALK & BARRY 2/26

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? HOOGAAN'S SPELL? I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT!

ALL MY MEDICAL TRAINING.. HIS VOODOO IS NONSENSE--UH--
!

PERISH--LUAGA--SLOWLY--
!!!

WITCHMAN
HOOGAAN VERSUS PRESIDENT LUAGA.
PERISH--LUAGA--
UH--

LEAVE ME--CLOSE DOOR--
!
YES--EXCELLENCY--
FALK & BARRY 2/28

PALE AS A GHOST.
WEAK--DYING!
HOOGAAN'S SPELL!

THE WORD SPREADS--LIKE WILDFIRE!
HOOGAAN'S SPELL--WORKING..

WORD SPREADS--FROM THE CITY--
HOOGAAN'S SPELL IS KILLING LUAGA--

--TO THE JUNGLE.
HOOGAAN'S KILLING LUAGA-

HE KILLED THE PHANTOM ON WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
NOW HE KILLS OUR PRESIDENT LUAGA!

YOU ARE DYING, LUAGA, BECAUSE I WILL IT! I, HOOGAAN, WILL RULE THE NATION!
FALK & BARRY 2/29

HOOGAAN-IS ALL-POWERFUL!
HE KILLED THE PHANTOM!
NOW HE KILLS LUAGA!
FALK & BARRY 3/1

I'VE MADE --ALL THE TESTS I KNOW-- CAN'T ACCOUNT FOR THIS -
YOU'RE BANGALLA'S BEST DOCTOR! SUPPOSE I HAD YOUR SYMPTOMS--

UH--PUPILS--HEART RATE--UH--FEVER--UH--STOMACH--POSSIBLY--POISONING--
YES!

PRESIDENT LUAGA OF BANGALLA...
POISON? WHAT KIND? HOW?
DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND--AS FOR HOW--YOU JUST HAD DINNER--RIGHT?

HIS EXCELLENCY IS HUNGRY. SEND THE CHEF UP WITH MORE FOOD. AT ONCE!

HE WANTS --MORE?
RIGHT AWAY. HE'S HUNGRY. A GOOD SIGN! HE'S GETTING WELL.

NOT ENOUGH BEFORE? MAKE SURE THIS TIME... A DOUBLE DOSE...
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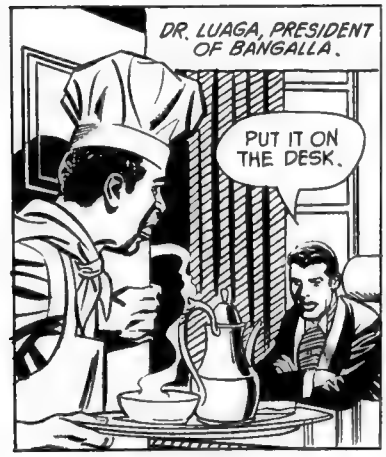
DR. LUAGA, PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA.
PUT IT ON THE DESK.

THEY SAID YOU WERE HUNGRY. ER--YOU DON'T LOOK HUNGRY, SIRE...
I'M NOT...

THAT'S FOR YOU. EAT!
NO--

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, CHEF?
PHANTOM?! THEY SAID HE'S DEAD-!
FALK & BARRY 3/3

PRESIDENT LUAGA OF BANGALLA...
PHANTOM? THEY SAID... YOU DIED... ON WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
SO THEY SAID.
YOU BROUGHT THIS FOOD, CHEF. NOW EAT IT.

NO--I'M NOT HUNGRY--CAN'T--
I ORDER YOU TO!
FALK & BARRY 3/4

LUAGA WILL BE DEAD BY DAWN. I, HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN, SHALL RULE BANGALLA!
!!

I'M NOT HUNGRY. WHY DO YOU INSIST I EAT, SIRE?
IN OLDEN TIMES RULERS HAD TASTERS TO TEST FOOD... TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T POISONED...

YOU SUSPECT ME? YOU DON'T TRUST ME... YOUR CHIEF CHEF? I AM DISHONORED... I AM OUTRAGED...
--AND I QUIT!
NOT BEFORE YOU TASTE THE FOOD!
FALK & BARRY 3/6
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RIDICULOUS! POISON IN YOUR FOOD, SIRE? HOW CAN YOU SUSPECT SUCH A THING?

OF COURSE... IF YOU INSIST, SIRE.

STOP HIM!
FALK & BARRY 3/7

THE PRESIDENT'S CHEF FLEES...

!
FALK & BARRY 3/8

IT'S IMPOLITE TO LEAVE LUNCH WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE TO YOUR HOST-- ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S YOUR PRESIDENT!

...THE SOUP--THE EVIDENCE --IS SOAKED INTO THE RUG.
IT CAN BE ANALYZED -- BUT THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TIME...

THE POISON MAY WORK TOO FAST -- HE RISKED BREAKING HIS NECK OVER THAT BALCONY RATHER THAN DRINK IT...
UMPH!

YOU TRIED TO POISON ME BECAUSE OF HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN?
FALK & BARRY 3/9

HE WON'T TALK...
LUAGA, HE ALREADY HAS POISONED YOU... YOU MAY NOT HAVE MUCH TIME!

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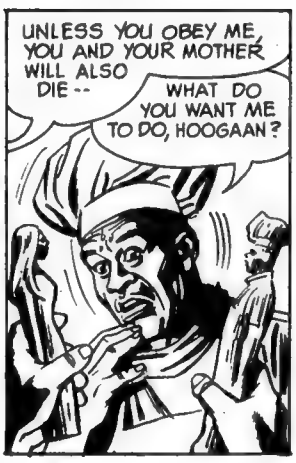
YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS? YOUR "PRESIDENT"! HE WILL DIE!


UNLESS YOU OBEY ME, YOU AND YOUR MOTHER WILL ALSO DIE--
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, HOOGAAN?

PUT THIS BANGA JUICE IN HIS FOOD, A LITTLE EACH DAY, STARTING WITH THE FULL MOON.

REMEMBER-- DISOBEY AND YOU BOTH DIE— SLOWLY-- SURELY!
!
!
TALK & BARRY 3/15

CHEF, DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE WITCHMAN COULD KILL YOU WITH PINS IN HIS MAGIC DOLL?
ALL KNOW OF HIS EVIL POWERS.
HE WAS DOING IT TO YOU. AFTER ALL, SIRE, YOU WERE DYING. UH-- UH--

IS LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH? YOU REALIZE IT WAS NOT HOOGAAN'S MAGIC, BUT YOUR BANGA POISON THAT WAS KILLING ME?

...UH... YES! THAT MEANS HE'S NOT REALLY MAGIC?!
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS.
TALK & BARRY 3/16

MAYBE NOW I CAN BREAK THE WITCHMEN... AND GET OUR MEDICAL TEAMS INTO THE JUNGLE TO FIGHT THE EPIDEMIC.
TALK & BARRY 3/17
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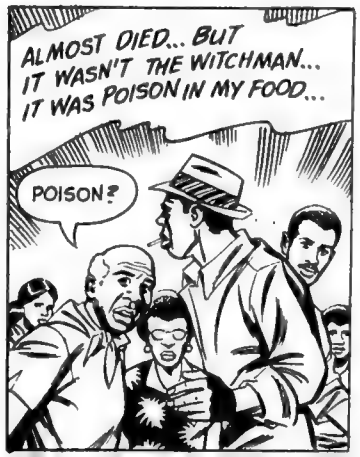
YOU ATTEMPTED TO KILL ME. THAT CARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY. IF YOU COOPERATE, I WILL HELP YOU.
YES, ANYTHING, SIRE.

YOU ARE BETTER, SIRE.
YES. PREPARE A BROADCAST. I HAVE A STORY I WANT ALL TO HEAR.

LUAGA!
LUAGA!

AS YOU CAN SEE... I AM WELL!
LUAGA-- LUAGA--
TALK & BARRY 3/18

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE WITCHMAN WAS TRYING TO DESTROY ME WITH HIS ANCIENT SO-CALLED MAGIC--I ALMOST DIED--


ALMOST DIED... BUT IT WASN'T THE WITCHMAN... IT WAS POISON IN MY FOOD...
POISON?

HERE IS MY COOK! HE WILL TELL YOU HOW THE POISON GOT IN MY FOOD.
!
!?

I AM PRESIDENT LUAGA'S COOK-- I CONFESS I PUT BANGA ROOT POISON INTO HIS FOOD--

--POISON IN HIS FOOD-- I DIDN'T WANT TO, BUT I WAS AFRAID--

--AFRAID TO DISOBEY THE COMMAND OF HOOGAAN-- THE WITCHMAN OF MY TRIBE.
HOOGAAN!
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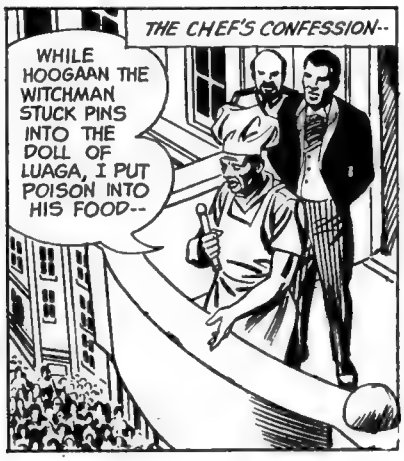
TALK & BARRY 3/20


THE CHEF'S CONFESSION--
WHILE HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN STUCK PINS INTO THE DOLL OF LUAGA, I PUT POISON INTO HIS FOOD--

PRESIDENT LUAGA GREW WEAKER-- HOOGAAN CLAIMED HIS "MAGIC" DID IT--
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--ALL THE TIME IT WAS REALLY MY POISON AT WORK -- THIS IS THE WITCHMAN'S EVIL MAGIC.
HE LIES!
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IS IT TRUE--THE WITCHMAN'S EVIL MAGIC IS FAKE?
DO YOU THINK SO, CHIEF?

THEY LIE IN THE CITY. DO ANY ONE OF YOU WANT TO TEST MY POWERS?
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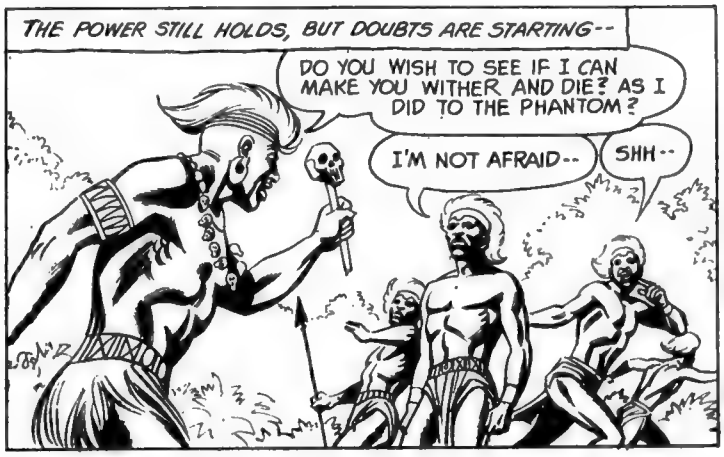
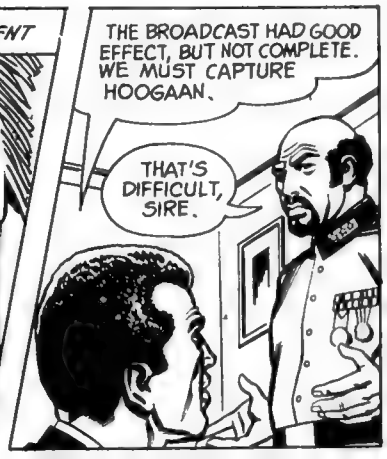

THE POWER STILL HOLDS, BUT DOUBTS ARE STARTING--
DO YOU WISH TO SEE IF I CAN MAKE YOU WITHER AND DIE? AS I DID TO THE PHANTOM?
I'M NOT AFRAID--
SHH--

AS EXPOSURE OF THE WITCHMEN SPREADS...
FAKE! CHEAT! LIAR!
TALK & BARRY 3/23

A FEW REACT VIOLENTLY...
CHEAT... LIAR...

BUT IN MOST VILLAGES, ANCIENT CUSTOMS DIE HARD.
WHO DARES CHALLENGE THE POWER OF HOOGAAN?


THE BROADCAST HAD GOOD EFFECT, BUT NOT COMPLETE. WE MUST CAPTURE HOOGAAN.
THAT'S DIFFICULT, SIRE.

THE WITCHMEN'S HOLD IS WEAKENING, BUT NOT BROKEN. WE MUST BRING HOOGAAN TO JAIL.
DIFFICULT, SIRE. WE'D NEED AN ARMY OF HALF A MILLION TO FIND HIM IN THAT JUNGLE.
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EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN. I WILL TRY TO FIND A WAY.
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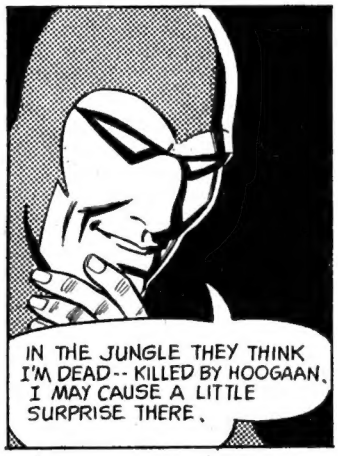
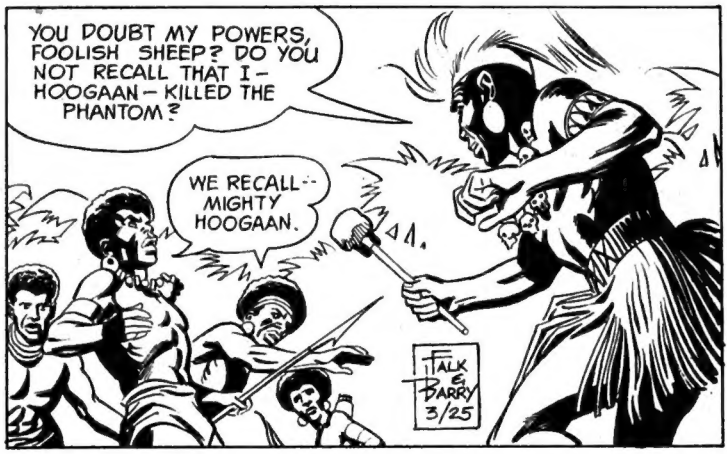
YOU ARE THE WAY. CAN YOU DO IT?

IF YOU CAN BRING HOOGAAN TO TRIAL, WE CAN WEAKEN THE WITCHMEN ENOUGH TO GET OUR MEDICAL TEAMS INTO THE JUNGLE.


IN THE JUNGLE THEY THINK I'M DEAD -- KILLED BY HOOGAAN. I MAY CAUSE A LITTLE SURPRISE THERE.


YOU DOUBT MY POWERS, FOOLISH SHEEP? DO YOU NOT RECALL THAT I - HOOGAAN - KILLED THE PHANTOM?
WE RECALL -- MIGHTY HOOGAAN.
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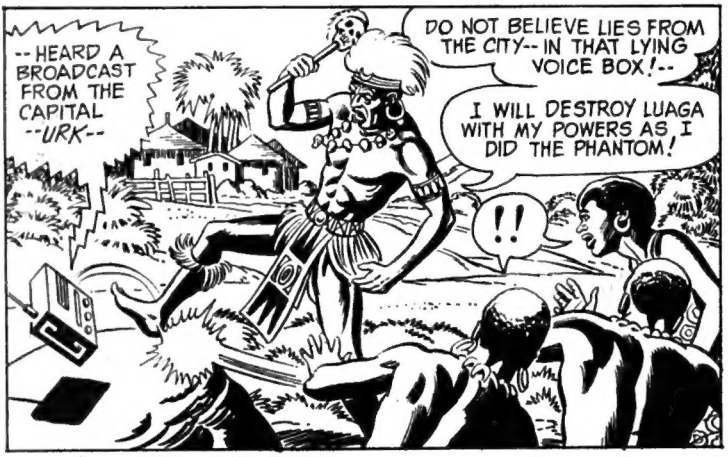
-- HEARD A BROADCAST FROM THE CAPITAL --URK--
DO NOT BELIEVE LIES FROM THE CITY -- IN THAT LYING VOICE BOX! --
I WILL DESTROY LUAGA WITH MY POWERS AS I DID THE PHANTOM!
!!

REMEMBER, I HOOGAAN, KILLED THE PHANTOM, THE GHOST WHO WALKS -- THE "MAN WHO CANNOT DIE!"
YOU DID -- YOU DID --

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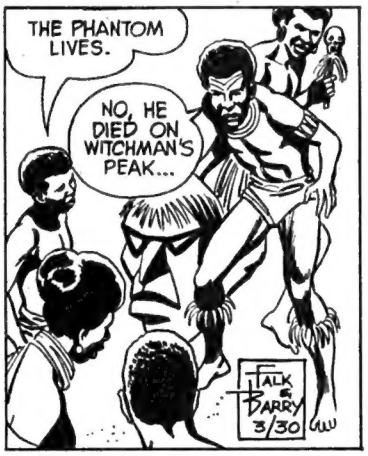
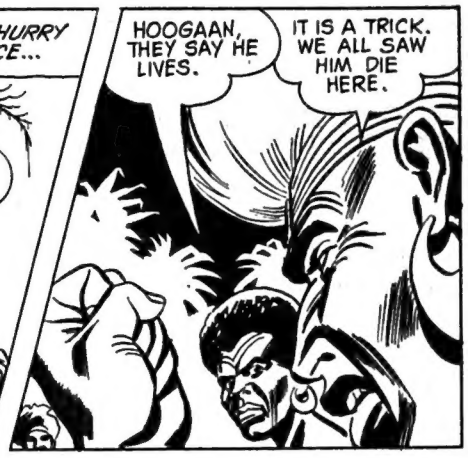
HE WAS REAL! REAL!

I SAW THE PHANTOM! ON HERO! I SAW HIM!
THAT CANNOT BE -- HE DIED ON WITCHMAN'S PEAK!
KILLED BY HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN!
ALL THE JUNGLE KNOWS THAT!





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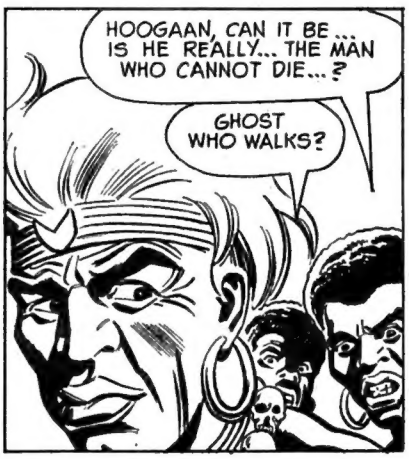

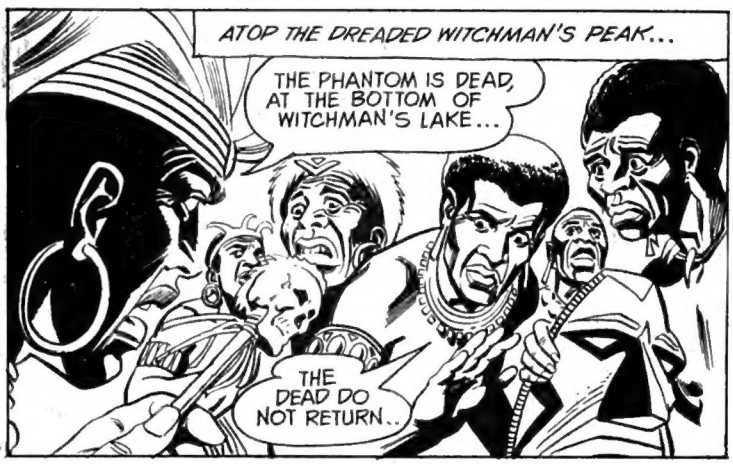
ATOP THE DREADED WITCHMAN'S PEAK...
THE PHANTOM IS DEAD, AT THE BOTTOM OF WITCHMAN'S LAKE...
THE DEAD DO NOT RETURN..

HE REACHES THE SUMMIT ...DRIPPING WITH THE GREENISH LAKE WATER...
WE WILL TELL THE WORLD... THE PHANTOM IS DEAD...
TALK & BARRY 4/3

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...

AT THE SUMMIT OF WITCHMAN'S PEAK...
HE HAS COME UP FROM THE LAKE!
THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
HE HAS RETURNED FROM THE DEAD!

HOOGAAN THE WITCHMAN...
IT IS--THE PHANTOM!
TALK & BARRY 4/4

HOOGAAN, I WANT YOU!
EE-YOW!

HOOGAAN, NOTHING'S EVER GIVEN ME ANY MORE PLEASURE... THAN THIS!
UH!

PHANTOM CAPTURES HOOGAAN AT WITCHMAN'S PEAK!

PHAN-TOM--- PHAN-TOM!
THEY MUST SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT THIS WITCHMAN IS POWERLESS!
TALK & BARRY 4/5

TALK & BARRY 4/6
THE PHANTOM AND HIS CAPTIVE, HOOGAAN THE "KING OF THE WITCHMEN"..
PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM--!

THE WITCHMEN LIED TO YOU. I AM NOT DEAD... AS YOU CAN SEE...

THEY ALSO LIED ABOUT LUAGA'S MEDICAL PEOPLE...THEY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU, NOT TO HURT YOU. WELCOME THEM!
BANGALLA MEDICAL TEAM

IN THE JUNGLE, PEOPLE SEARCH FOR THE DEPOSED WITCHMEN--
WHERE IS HE?
RAN AWAY!
THIS WILL PASS. WE WILL RETURN TO POWER--
MAYBE--
TALK & BARRY 4/7
MEDICAL TEAMS GO TO WORK TO FIGHT THE JUNGLE EPIDEMIC--
IT WORKED, DR. LUAGA. ALL GOES WELL--
HE'S A MIRACLE MAN--
WHO, YOUR EXCELLENCY?
THE SAME TO YOU, HOOGAAN,
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IN THE JUNGLE, MEDICAL TEAMS GO TO WORK--
WELCOME!
WHAT A DIFFERENCE!
TALK & BARRY 4/8
YOU SAVED MY LIFE AND HELPED MY PEOPLE. HOW CAN I THANK YOU?
BY CONTINUING AS THE GREAT LEADER YOU ARE, DR. LUAGA.
TILL WE MEET AGAIN, "GHOST WHO WALKS."
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE